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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby respond to the Office Action dated October 8, 2008, in connection with the above-identified application.

The Exáminer has requested election and restriction between Group I, including claims 28-45, covering an antibacterial additive; Group II, including claim 46, covering an antibacterial resin; Group III, including claims 47-50, covering a process of producing an antibacterial resin; Group IV, including claim 51, covering an antibacterial laminate; and Group V, including claims 52-33 covering a process of producing an antibacterial laminate. Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I and reserve the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures as they deem necessary to protect their inventions lying within Groups II through V.

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Examination and allowance of claims 28-45 are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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